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SUBJ: UDEAC SUMMIT CLOSES

1. THE 13TH CENTRAL AFRICAN CUSTOMS AND ECONOMIC UNION (UDEAC) SUMMIT WAS HELD IN LIBREVILLE DECEMBER 20 AND 21 WITH THE VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE FROM CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMBIRE AND CONGO DEPARTING MORNING DECEMBER 22. FROM ALL PUBLIC INDICATIONS THE MEETING WAS ROUTINE. ACCORDING TO THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS TAKEN CONCERNED RIVER TRAFFIC BETWEEN BANGUI AND BRAZZAVILLE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CASIMIR OYE MBA AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BANK OF CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1978. CAMEROON'S PRESIDENT AHIDJO WILL BE UDEAC CHAIRMAN IN 1978 WITH THE NEXT SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR YAOUNDE IN DECEMBER 1978.

2. COMMENT: FROM WHAT LITTLE WE ARE ABLE TO GLEAN

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ABOUT SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS THE TWO MOST DEVISIVE ISSUES WERE CHARGES RE BRAZZAVILLE-BANGUI POL SHIPMENTS AND GABONESE CONCERN ABOUT UNRESTRICTED IMMIGRATION FROM UDEAC PARTNER STATES ESPECIALLY CAMEROON AND CONGO. A MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR THE LATE PRESIDENT NGOUABI WAS OBSERVED AT THE OPENING SESSION AND COLONL YHOMBI OPANGO WAS WELCOMED WITH NO SHOW

OF EMOTION. IN CONTRAST EMPEROR BOKASSA I RECEIVED
A WARM ROUND OF APPLAUSE WHEN HE WAS INTRODUCED AS
BEING ON HIS FIRST VISIT OUTSIDE THE CAE SINCE
HIS CORONATION AS DID PRESIDENT AHIDJO WHEN IT
WAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD ASSUME THE CHAIRMANSHIP IN
1978.YATES

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